



WELCOME

CORPORAL HEATHER COBLER!

Corporal Heather Cobler has recently taken over the CPS responsibilities at the Colorado State Patrol. She is a new CPS Technician and is excited to take on this role. Feel free to contact her at:

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RECALL LIST

NHTSA updated their recall list last week – January 27, 2012 – to include a new recall for the Britax Chaperone infant car seat. Please ensure your recall list is up-to-date: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/childseat.cfm>. There is also a recall app available for smartphone users. On your phone's browser go to recalls.gov and you'll be led from there.

NEW INSTRUCTORS

We welcome 2 new CPS Instructors who have transplanted to Colorado!

- Dwayne Smith came to us from South Carolina and works at Children's Hospital Colorado as the Injury Prevention Manager (& is the Safe Kids Colorado contact) and has over 13 years experience as a CPS Instructor and injury prevention advocate. Welcome Dwayne!
- Beth Blake came to us from Tennessee and is working for the Carbondale Police Department. Beth has more than 10 years experience as a CPS Instructor. Welcome Beth!

RECERTIFICATION

Start early! Here are 2 FREE and easy ways to earn your CEU's:

- Attend an in-person training. Included in this newsletter is a complete list of upcoming training. At these classes, a CPS Instructor will also be available to observe and verify the 5 required seat checks.
- Earn them online! Safe Kids has prepared a tip sheet for earning CEU's online, see attached.

The re-certification audit rate is about 30% - so don't think it can't happen to you -be prepared!

Speaking of audit, Sallie Thoreson of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in Grand Junction shares her recent audit experience:

"I've been audited! GULP!!

It's not quite like being contacted by the IRS, but it still caused some anxiety when I got the e-mail from: CPS Auditor [cpsaudit@safekids.org] with the subject line: CPS CEU Audit. GULP! I did remember Susan Yates told us at my Refresher training that Safe Kids audits about 30% of the CPST recertifications. So I wasn't too worried, and it turned out to be a relatively painless process. The e-mail provides you with good instructions on how to print out your reported activities and what to submit. They answered my e-mail question promptly and gave me 30 days to submit the materials. **The main take-home message is to keep track of your paperwork!** I had to provide written proof of attendance and content for all CEUs I submitted. I had my certificates with CEU Event ID from my Refresher class (thanks Susan!) and my other 2 CEU classes. I also submitted copies of my completed Tech Update quizzes and the first pages of the journal articles I read. You can check your audit status on your profile page, but just to be sure I e-mailed them and I got the good news "your audit is complete." Not quite as good as winning the lottery, but satisfying to know I'm part of the elite group, with all of you, that makes a difference in the lives of children. "

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WE WANT TO KNOW!

What type of innovative CPS Programs are you conducting in your community? We'd love for you to share your experiences!

INSTRUCTORS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 2012 Colorado CPS Instructor Conference will be **July 26-27, 2012** at Children's Hospital Colorado. More details to come.

NEED TRAINING?

Does your organization or community have a specific CPS training need that is not met on the following calendar? If so, please contact us; we'd love the opportunity to help!

Be sure to check out the "other" category on the training list – there are some great opportunities coming up!

TECHNICIAN PROXY PROGRAM

Recently Safe Kids unveiled a new "Technician Proxy" program. We are really excited over this new program and believe it will help make the recertification process easier for many; specifically those who live in areas without a CPS Instructor nearby.

- Technician Proxies can review and approve seat checks for recertification. This is not associated in any way with being a Senior Checker. It is simply a way to fill a need in areas with few Certified Instructors. Once approved as a Technician Proxy, you will remain one until your CPS Certification expires.
- Anyone who has been a Certified Technician for at least six months, or is an Instructor Candidate, may apply to be a Technician Proxy. When you are eligible to apply, you will see the action item "Apply to be A Technician Proxy" in your CPS Online Profile.
- Once approved, your status will continue to be "Certified Technician" but you will see Extra Training: Technician Proxy in your Online Profile.

For more information, and the application, visit:

<http://cert.safekids.org/ImATech/TechnicianProxy.aspx>

CAR SEAT RECYCLING PROGRAM

DRIVE SMART Evergreen Conifer has pioneered an innovative partnership with EDS Waste Solutions to recycle car seats. This program is open to everyone! For drop-off locations and more information visit: <http://5280host.com/drive-smart/eds-recycling-program>.

¿Hablas español?

Are you a bilingual CPS Technician? If so, please make sure your Safe Kids profile indicates that. It is important to know who is bilingual and where they are located. To check, log-in to your Safe Kids profile and choose the action item titled: "Update Profile and Contact Information." On that screen, and towards the bottom of the page, you will have many language options to choose from. Thanks!

COLORADO CPS ADVISORY COUNCIL

What is it? Who is on the council? How can I participate? The answers to those questions are forthcoming. Watch out for an email from Corp. Cobler with more information soon!

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Upcoming Training Opportunities

32-Hour CPS Technician Training* -- PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

*We reserve the right to cancel any training when the minimum number of students is not met.-The CPS Technician certification course requires a \$75 certification fee payable to Safe Kids at the time of registration. There are no other local fees for this course.

Date	Location	How to Register
March 7-10	Cortez Fire Dept., Station #1 30 N. Ash St. Cortez, CO	http://cert.safekids.org/ search course # CO2012011156
March 12-15	Mesa County Health Dept. 510 29 ½ Road Grand Junction, CO	http://cert.safekids.org/ search course # CO2012011157
April 11-14, 2012	Salida Fire 124 E Street Salida, CO	http://cert.safekids.org/ search course # CO2012011158
May 2-5	High Country Training Center 0225 County Road 1003 Frisco, CO	http://cert.safekids.org/ search course # CO2012011159
June 20-23, 2012	Life in Christ Church 630 E. Avenue Limon, CO	http://cert.safekids.org/ search course # CO2012011160
July 9-12	Telluride Fire Station #1 131 W. Columbia Ave Telluride, CO 81435	Registration is not yet open for this class.

CEU Refresher Offerings (For currently certified CPS Tech's to help fulfill recertification requirements)

-Unless otherwise noted, class times are 9 AM to 5 PM and offer 6 CEU's.

Date	Location	How to Register
March 19	Castle Rock Fire 300 Perry Street Castle Rock, CO	Email: susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org
April 25	Location TBD Trinidad, CO	Email: susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org
May 7	Boulder Rural Fire 6230 Lookout Rd. Boulder, CO	Email: susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org
May - TBA	Location TBD Edwards, CO	Email: susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org
June 19	Location TBD Las Animas, CO	Email: susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org
July 13	Location TBD Montrose, CO	Email: susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org
August -TBA	Location TBD Fort Morgan, CO	Email: susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org
August 22	Fort Lupton Fire Training Center 2999 9 th Street Fort Lupton, CO	Email: susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org
September – TBA	Littleton Fire Dept. Location TBD Littleton, CO	Email: susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org

CPS Renewal Offerings* (for expired CPS Tech's)

*We reserve the right to cancel any training when the minimum number of students is not met.

-The Renewal course requires a \$75 certification fee payable online to SAFE KIDS at the time of registration. There are no other local fees for this course.

Date	Location	How to Register
February 13	Children's Hospital Colorado Village Pavilion 13100 E Colfax Ave, Suite 600 Aurora, CO	www.cert.safekids.org search course # CO201112281080 You must log-in under your <u>expired</u> Safe Kids profile to register. A \$75 certification fee is due to Safe Kids at the time of registration.

Other Upcoming CPS-related Training (For Your Information):

Date	Event/Location	How to Register
February 9 (2 CEU's)	NICU and Orthopedic CPS Issues: Angle Tolerance Testing and Hip Spica seats Children's Hospital Colorado Aurora, CO	Email: Selena.Silva@childrenscolorado.org
March 3 (6 CEU's)	Safe Kids & Britax CPS Update Laramie, WY	stephanie.heitsch@crmcwy.org Cost: \$10
April 20 8:30 AM -11:30 AM (3 CEU's)	Fire & Life Safety Educators of Colorado Conference Estes Park, CO	http://www.firesafetyeducators.org/conference.html
June 14-16 (CEU's: a lot!)	National Lifesavers Conference Orlando, FL	http://lifesaversconference.org/
July 26-27 (CEU's: TBD)	Colorado CPS Instructor Conference Children's Hospital Colorado Aurora, CO	TBA
August 16-18 (CEU's: a lot!)	Kidz In Motion Conference Orlando, FL	http://kidzinmotion.org/